

Introduced by Senator Yee

March 25, 2010

Senate Joint Resolution No. 27—Relative to reunification of Ireland.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 27, as introduced, Yee. Reunification of Ireland.

This measure would express the California Legislature's strong support for Irish reunification and would urge the California Congressional delegation to support all peaceful actions that support the final reunification of the island of Ireland by all electoral and diplomatic means necessary.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The logic of history, international law, human
2 rights, and peace dictate the reunification of the island of Ireland,
3 and the realities of the moment, including the Good Friday
4 Agreement and the development of the all-Ireland institutions of
5 governance, attest to this momentum; and

6 WHEREAS, In the past, the California Democratic Party and
7 the State Legislature adopted the MacBride Principles for Northern
8 Ireland and strongly endorsed passage of the Good Friday
9 Agreement among previously warring parties, due in part to the
10 dedication of President William Jefferson Clinton, his
11 administration, and Senator George Mitchell in seeing the
12 agreement to fruition; and

13 WHEREAS, The contribution of Irish-born and Irish Americans
14 to this state and this nation are legion; and

15 WHEREAS, This resolution was initiated by prominent members
16 of the California Irish American community, including Thomas

1 Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Chair, California Democratic Party Irish
2 American Caucus; Jeanmarie Maher, Chair Emeritus, California
3 Democratic Party Irish American Caucus; Senator John Burton
4 (Ret.) Chair, California Democratic Party; and Susie Shannon,
5 Executive Board Member, Los Angeles County Democratic Party;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
8 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature strongly supports Irish
9 reunification and urges the California Congressional delegation
10 to support all peaceful actions that support the final reunification
11 of the island of Ireland by all electoral and diplomatic means
12 necessary; and be it further

13 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
14 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
15 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
16 President pro Tempore of the Senate, to each Senator and
17 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
18 States, and to the United States Secretary of State.